

[5th February 1924]

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" My hon. Friend is asking me to consider something that is not exactly a supplementary question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I wish to be allowed to finish my sentence. The time-table of the South Indian Railway Company working to the detriment of the District Board Railway is within our cognizance. I may suggest that the profit or loss of the Tanjore District Board is a matter with which we are concerned; the district board is administered by us. Therefore, I am asking whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information in view of this statement? "

Railway line between Erode and Satyamangalam.

117 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the district board of Coimbatore has resolved to construct a railway line between Erode and Satyamangalam; and whether an application has been made to the Government for financial aid; and

(b) whether the Government have any intention of rendering any financial help of any shape whatever; and if so, when, and to what extent?

A.—(a) In October 1921 the Coimbatore district board proposed to take up the Erode-Satyamangalam line and applied to Government for a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs to construct it. In view of the Secretary of State's decision approving the reconversion of the Erode-Trichinopoly line to broad gauge the district board was informed that the Erode-Satyamangalam line would no longer form part of a through metre gauge route between Mysore and South India. The board was requested to re-examine the project on its own merits as an isolated district board line on a 2' 6" gauge or as a tram line. The district board has not reported its views.

(b) It is not possible to answer this question at the present stage.

Registration.

Departmental punishment of Sub-Registrars.

118 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state—

(1) the number of Brahman and non-Brahman Sub-Registrars who were awarded punishments of the following description since the assumption of charge by the present Inspector-General of Registration :—(a) Fine; (b) stoppage of annual increment (i) for six months and (ii) for twelve months; (c) (i) suspension for three months and less, (ii) suspension for more than three months but less than six months, (iii) suspension for more than six months but less than twelve months, (iv) suspension for more than twelve months; and (d) dismissal;

(2) in how many cases petitions for reconsideration of these punishments were received (a) from Brahman Sub-Registrars, (b) from non-Brahman Sub-Registrars; and